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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Administration Building
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Allen:

In connection with the current critical Cuban situation, a number of unsubstantiated reports have been received pointing to the possibility that the Castro regime, with the assistance of Soviet and Chinese Communist technicians and engineers, has undertaken the construction in Cuba of various missile bases, submarine facilities, and other military installations. If such reports are authentic, this development would pose a serious threat to the United States.

I, therefore, feel that, if it is not already being done, the United States might consider instituting a program of photographic reconnaissance to acquire factual and up-to-date data on airfields, military bases, and other installations of intelligence interest to this Government which might be used against the United States.

I am bringing this suggestion to your attention in view of your interest in foreign intelligence matters for whatever action you think is appropriate.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

William French
Attorney General

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